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APKO FOR DOC MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BPRO, MR
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WTDR ON SNIM COMINOR

REF: (A) USDO 13339, (B) STATE A-420

1. SNIM COMINVIIS IRON ORE MINING SUBSIDIARY OF MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT'S (GIRM) INDUSTRIAL HOLDING COMPANY, SOCIETE INDUSTRIELLE NATIONALE ET MINIERE (SNIM). PRIOR TO 1974 NATIONALIZATION, COMINOR WAS KNOWN AS MIFERMA. WHILE OPERATING OFFICES OF COMINOR ARE LOCATED IN ZOUERATE AND IN NOUQHIBOU, EXECUTIVE LEVEL OF COMINOR IS IN FACT SNIM MANAGEMENT TEAM WHICH IS BASED IN NOUAKCHOTT. LATTER HANDLES ALL MAJOR PURHASING, FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, ETC. FOR ALL THE OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES/DIVISIONS OF SNIM FROM SNIM EXECEWIVE OFFICES IN NOUAKCHOTT. SINCE MAIL DELIVERY IN THIS CAPITAL IS ONLY VIA POSTAL BOX, STREET NAMES ARE IMMATERIAL. SNIM POSTAL BOX NUMBER IS B.P. (BOITE POSTALE) 1260; TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 523.37; AND TELEX NUMBER IS 570.

WM BBNCE SNIM IS ORGANIZATIONALLY EQUIVALENT TO TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND COMMERCIALLY EQUIVALENT TO PERHAPS H.,-.8,8,&, AND SINCE SNIM IS ULTIMATELY BACKED BY GIRM MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ITS FINACIAL POSITION AND HENCE ITS
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CREDIT WORTHINESS DOES NOT RPT NOT CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY OVER SHORT PERIODS AS CREDIT RATINGS OF SMALL PRIVATE FIRMS SOMETIMES DO. THUS INFORMATION ABOUUSNIM OR ANY OF ITS OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES/DIVISIONS NEED NOT BE LESS THAN ELEVEN MONTHS OLD TOCVVE VALID BASIS FOR TRANSACTION OR CREDIT XKISIONS OF U.S. FIRMS. (ANY MORE THAN PARALLEL INFORMATION ABOUTHNTVA OR HANNA MINING NEED BE LESS THAN 11 MONTHS OLD TOOXE VALID, WHATEVER

RULES MAY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES WITHOUT
GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL BACKING AND THEN PROGRAMMED INTO WTDR
COMPUTER.)

3. WHEN NEW JUNIOR ACTION/REPORTING OFFICER ARRIVES NEXT
MONTH AND CAN BEGIN TO DIG INTO WAITING PILE OF ECONOMIC/
VOMERICAL AND OTHER CHORES, WE WILL PRESS AHEAD WITH PRE-
PARATION OF FULL DRESS WTDR ON SNIM. MEANWHILE, PERHAPS MAURITANIAN
DESK OFFICER(S) OR MAJOR PROJECTS STAFF MIGHT
BRIEF TRUST COMPANY BANK ON MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT'S
INDUSTRIAL HOLDING COMPANY.LJ
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